

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects of Madhya Pradesh

1183. **SHRI ARVIND NETAM:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for irrigation projects submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government during the last and a half years;

(b) the number of proposals out of them approved so far; and

(c) the number of such proposals still pending along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Only one proposal namely modified report for the Sindh River Project Phase-II at an estimated cost of Rs. 607.67 crores to irrigate annually an area of 120,000 hectares has been received at the Centre in December, 1990.

(b) and (c). While the water availability and sedimentation studies of the project have been finalised, the State Government is required to sort out the issues regarding design, floods, irrigation planning, ground water, cost estimates, rehabilitation and resettlement. The State Government is also to obtain forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets in Rural Areas of Maharashtra

1184. **SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATH RAO GUNDEWAR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot petrol/diesel retail outlets in rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such outlets are

likely to be allotted?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) to (c). New petrol/diesel dealerships are opened in different places as per Marketing Plans, availability of products, etc.

Indian Embassies Abroad

1185. **SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where Indian Embassies/Missions do not exist; and

(b) the countries where Indian Embassies are likely to be opened along with the probable dates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Out of the member countries of the UN, India does not have diplomatic representation either through a resident Mission or through concurrent accreditation in the following :

1. Dominican Republic
2. Fiji - closed in 1989
3. Haiti
4. Honduras
5. Israel
6. Liechtenstein
7. Papua New Guinea*
8. Solomon Islands*
9. South Africa
10. Vanuatu*
11. Lithuania

12. Estonia
13. Latvia
14. Mogadishu - Temporarily closed
15. Micronesia
16. Marshall Islands

(* Concurrently accredited from our resident Mission in Fiji till 1989)

(b) Steps are being undertaken to establish India's Diplomatic representations through concurrent accreditation in the following countries in near future.

1. Lithuania
2. Estonia
3. Latvia

[English]

Karnal Refinery Project

1186. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have permitted the Indian Oil Corporation to implement its Karnal Refinery Project on its own or as a joint venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this project; and

(d) the progress made so far and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). It has been decided that Karnal Refinery is to be set up by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on its own. As per detailed feasibility report submitted by IOC which is under the consideration of Government, the cost of this project is

estimated to be about Rs. 2000 crores (April, 1991 prices).

[Translation]

Market Intervention Scheme for Apples

1187. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount released to Himachal Pradesh under Market Intervention Scheme during last two years for the purchase of Apples, Pears and Cherries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): No amount has been released to Himachal Pradesh for purchase of Apples under the Market Intervention Scheme which was launched for the first time in Himachal Pradesh during 1990-91. Government of India has to share 50% of losses under the scheme with the State Government on production of audited accounts of the operations which are yet awaited. There has been no market intervention operation with Himachal Pradesh in Pears and Cherries so far.

Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project

1188. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work relating to the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal project in Punjab has been entrusted to the Border Roads Organisation; and

(b) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal Project is under construction with the Government of Punjab. Necessary actions for entrusting the work to an appropriate new agency/agencies are under consideration of that Government. The time schedule for completing the project will